

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 87106

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of A & B TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, )  
INC., GARMENT CARRIERS, INC. and )  
A & B GARMENT DELIVERY OF SAN )  
FRANCISCO, for a permissive in- )  
crease in common carrier rates. )

Application No. 57053  
(Filed February 3, 1977)

OPINION AND ORDER

A & B Transportation Services, Inc. (AB/TS), Garment Carriers, Inc. (GC) and A & B Garment Delivery of San Francisco, (AB/SF) are three interrelated, commonly owned motor carriers that provide a specialized service for the transportation of garments, wearing apparel and related commodities as well as a general commodity service. By this application applicants seek authority to increase their tariff rates<sup>1</sup> based on minimum weights of less than 10,000 pounds by applying a ten percent surcharge to said rates in lieu of their current eight percent surcharge.

<sup>1</sup> Applicants' tariffs are:

AB/TS: AB/TS Local Freight Tariff No. 2, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1 and Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15.

G.C.: G.C. Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2, G.C. Joint Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 3 and Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15.

AB/SF: Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 8-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1.

Ordering paragraph 7 of Decision 86507 stated, "Common carriers are authorized to establish in their tariffs increases not exceeding 10 percent in rates or charges subject to minimum weights of less than 10,000 pounds... subject to the submission of such financial and/or other data supporting the higher rates as the Commission shall require." The authority for the permissive increase expired January 11, 1977. Though applicants did not submit the necessary financial data in order to increase their rates to the level previously authorized by Decision 86507 within the time period specified in said decision, they have done so in the instant application.

Exhibit A attached to the application contains revenue and expense data for the year ended September 30, 1976 together with adjustments to reflect the proposed increase in revenue should the application be granted. The exhibit discloses that during the year applicants sustained a loss of \$9,600 and an operating ratio of 100.1 percent. Under the increase sought herein applicants estimate they will realize additional revenue of \$381,632 and an operating ratio of 95.8 percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendars of February 7 and 8, 1977. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases which will result from applicants' proposals are reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted and the effective date of this order should be the date hereof because there is an immediate need for this relief.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A & B Transportation Services, Inc., Garment Carriers, Inc. and A & B Garment Delivery of San Francisco are authorized to publish amendments to their tariffs as specifically proposed in the application.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than one day after the effective date of this order on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

The Acting Executive Director of the Commission shall mail a copy of this order to Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., and Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1977.

*Robert B. ...*

President

*William ...*

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*Richard ...*

Commissioners